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## Governor Gianforte Honors Montana Organ Donors through Gift of Life Awards

HELENA, MT – Honoring National Donate Life Month, in partnership with LifeCenter Northwest, Gov. Greg Gianforte recognized 34 Montana organ donors with the Gift of Life Award. These 34 Montanans saved 92 people last year.

Families had the opportunity for the donor's name to be engraved on a metal leaf and placed on the Tree of Life; a sculpture created by Bozeman artist Jim Dolan. The families also will receive a signed certificate from the Governor.

The evening of Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> LifeCenter Northwest convened the families of the loved ones online. Family members shared stories and thoughtful remarks were made by the Governor's Office of Community Service.

"The Tree of Life embodies the hope and renewed life given to transplant recipients through your loved one's ultimate gift.", said Director Sadowski.

For donor privacy, interviews can be arranged through LifeCenter Northwest:

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